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1. SUMMARY: KING HASSAN AND GOM HAVE PLAYED ACTIVE ROLE ON ARAB WORLD ISSUES SINCE DECISION TAKEN TO SEND TROOPS TO SYRIA AND ESPECIALLY SINCE KING' S INTERVENTION WITH HUSSEIN ON BEHALF ABU DAUD AND KHARTOUM KILLINGS. KING HASSAN NOW BEING CREDITED WITH CALL FOR ARAB SUMMIT AS WELL AS BEING WARMLY PRAISED BY HUSSEIN AND ARAFAT FOR ABU DAUD ROLE. IRAQI EMISSARY ALSO COMPLIMENTARY TO GOM. END SUMMARY.

2. SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT HIS DECISION FEBRUARY 22 TO SEND
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MOROCCAN TROOPS TO SYRIA, KING HASSAN AND GOM HAVE PLAYED INCREASINGLY ACTIVE ARAB WORLD ROLE. MOST RECENT INDICATION SUCH ACTIVITY IS AL- AHRAH' S POSITIVE RESPONSE MARCH 18 (REPORTED AFP) TO KING HASSAN' S " PROPOSAL" FOR ARAB SUMMIT TO EXAMINE STATUS OF PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE.

3. FOR RECORD, KING HASSAN DID NOT EXACTLY PROPOSE SUMMIT. IN MARCH 15 INTERVIEW WITH LEBANESE JOURNALIST ACCOMPANYING PRIME MINISTER SAEB SALAM (REFTEL A AND FBIS), KING WAS ASKED FOR HIS OPINION ABOUT HOLDING ARAB SUMMIT IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. KING REPLIED THAT ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ARE GOOD FOR SUMMIT; TIME AND PLACE ARE SECONDARY. WHAT IS NECESSARY, KING SAID, IS THAT THERE BE AGENDA SET BEFOREHAND AND THAT ALL COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE IN CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT. SUMMITS SHOULD WORK TO PRESERVE ARAB RIGHTS AND RESOURCES AND TO DEFEND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. COMMENT: APPARENTLY FOR ITS OWN PURPOSES, AL- AHRAH AND/ OR GOE, ARE TREATING THESE GENERAL REMARKS AS CALL FOR SUMMIT ON PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE. END COMMENT.

4. KING HASSAN' S INTERVENTION WITH KING HUSSEIN REQUESTING CLEMENCY FOR ABU DAUD AND OTHER BLACK SEPTEMBERISTS IN AMMAN HAS APPARENTLY HELPED HIS ARAB WORLD IMAGE. IN TELEGRAM PUBLISHED LOCALLY MARCH 17, HUSSEIN CREDITED HASSAN WITH BEING FIRST TO INTERVENE ON ABU DAUD' S BEHALF. YASSER ARAFAT HAS ALSO SENT MESSAGE TO HASSAN REPORTED LOCALLY MARCH 19 EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR INTERVENTION WITH HUSSEIN.

5. FINALLY, IRAQI MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HISHAM SHAWI, WHO REPORTEDLY SENT TO MOROCCO AS PART OF GOI' S PEACE CAMPAIGN BETWEEN PALESTINIANS AND ARAB GOVERNMENTS REPORTED " TOTAL SUCCESS.. AND SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS" OF VISIT WHICH WILL BENEFIT BOTH COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR AND ARAB WORLD IN GENERAL. SHAWI WHO CALLED ON KING HASSAN LEFT RABAT FOR BAGHDAD MARCH 17 AFTER SIX- DAY VISIT.

6. COMMENT: WE HAVE ALREADY REPORTED VIEW THAT HASSAN' S NEW SPURT OF ARAB WORLD ACTIVISIM SIGNALLED BY TROOPS TO SYRIA (REF B) IS INSPIRED PRIMARILY BY DOMESTIC MOTIVATIONS AND DESIRE TO REFURBISH HIS ARAB WORLD IMAGE. WE HOPE KING ALSO AWARE OF DANGER TO ARAB GOVERNMENTS
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OF PALESTINIAN EXTREMISM DEMONSTRATED AT KHARTOUM AND

THAT HE WANTS TO HELP CONTROL IT IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER
ARAB LEADERS. THIS MAY EXPLAIN HIS TALK OF ARAB
SUMMIT (AND AL- AHRAH' S RESPONSE) AND ALSO HIS INTERVENTION
ON BEHALF ABU DAUD.
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